

2008 Joint Housing Workshops and Consolidated Plan Public Review Meetings

Locations/Dates:

- ✓ **Wednesday, October 15 – GLENDIVE;** EPEC Building, 313 S. Merrill
 - ✓ **Thursday, October 16 – BILLINGS;** Best Western Kelly Inn, 4915 Southgate Dr.
 - ✓ **Wednesday, October 29 – MISSOULA;** Wingate Inn, 5252 Airway Blvd.
 - ✓ **Thursday, October 30 – GREAT FALLS;** NeighborWorks Building, 509 1st Ave. S.
- This is your opportunity to access several housing funding agencies in one location! Representatives from the agencies will present overviews of their housing programs. Participating agencies include the Montana Department of Commerce's (MDOC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and Montana Board of Housing (MBOH), as well as USDA Rural Development (RD)
- CDBG staff will also provide information on the **NEW** Neighborhood Stabilization Act (HR 3221), signed by President Bush on July 30, 2008. This new act makes federal funds available to states and units of general local government to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties and to demolish vacant, blighted structures.
- The Consolidated Plan (CP) public review meetings will take place at noon.

TENTATIVE Agenda

| Time | Topic | |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Registration | Coffee & treats available |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | Welcome & Introductions | |
| 8:45 – 11:45 | USDA RD Housing Programs | |
| | CDBG Program | |
| | NEW Housing Revitalization Act Funding (CDBG) | |
| 12:00 – 1:15 | Consolidated Plan Public Review Meeting | Free lunch provided |
| 1:15 – 4:30 | HOME Program Proposed Changes | Afternoon treats available |
| | HOME Program | |
| | Low Income Housing Tax Credits | |
| | MBOH Program Updates | |
| | Department of Commerce | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MTHousingSearch.com ▪ Technical Assistance ▪ "White Paper" ▪ Section 8 Housing Assistance Program Online Application | |
| 4:30 | Adjourn | |

The MBOH, MDOC, and USDA Rural Development sponsor the workshops. The workshops and meetings are free. Advance registration is not required but registering will help with planning for space, materials and food. To register online, go to **housing.mt.gov** and click on the **Conferences & Trainings** link.

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